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What is claimed is:

- 1) A method for accessing management information using SNMP-formats, the information stored in CIM formats, the method comprising:
 - receiving a request message from an SNMP client;
- 5 mapping the request message into CIM formats; and
 - performing at least one of retrieving and setting a CIM object value.
 - A method according to claim 1, the method further comprising: encoding CIM property values into SNMP formats; and returning an SNMP response message to the SNMP client.
- 3) A method for generating a mapping file from a MIB file, the MIB file including at least one SNMP variable, the method comprising:
 - reading at least one SNMP variable from the MIB file; and generating a mapping file entry for at least one of a group and a row sequence specified in the MIB file, the mapping file entry including an OID, a class name, a property name, a SNMP datatype and a next OID.
 - 4) A method according to claim 3, wherein the mapping file entry further includes SNMP table indexes.
 - 5) A computer program product for use on a computer system for accessing management information using SNMP-formats, the information stored in CIM formats, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, the computer readable program code including program code for: receiving a request message from an SNMP client;
 - mapping the request message into CIM formats; and performing at least one of retrieving and setting a CIM object value.

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A computer program product for generating a mapping file from a MIB file, the MIB file including at least one SNMP variable, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, the computer readable program code including program code for: reading at least one SNMP variable from the MIB file; and generating a mapping file entry for at least one of a group and a row sequence

specified in the MIB file, the mapping file entry including an OID, a class name, a property name, a SNMP datatype and a next OID.

6) A computer system for accessing management information using SNMP-formats, the information stored in CIM formats, the computer system comprising:

a buffer for receiving a request message; logic that receives a request message from an SNMP client; logic that maps the request message into CIM formats; and

logic that performs at least one of retrieving and setting a CIM object value.